

1 S.174

2 Introduced by Senator Ayer

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; Vermont Health Benefit Exchange; special
6 enrollment periods; pregnancy

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to specify that
8 the special enrollment period for pregnant individuals and their dependents to
9 enroll in plans offered through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange includes
10 the ability for existing enrollees to change Exchange plans.

11 An act relating to the Exchange special enrollment period for pregnancy

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1811(l) is amended to read:

14 (l) A registered carrier shall allow for the enrollment of a pregnant
15 individual, and of any individual who is eligible for coverage under the terms
16 of the health benefit plan because of a relationship to the pregnant individual,
17 at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy. This special enrollment
18 period for pregnancy shall include allowing an eligible individual who is
19 already enrolled in an Exchange plan to change Exchange plans. Coverage

1 shall be effective as of the first of the month following the individual's
2 selection of a health benefit plan.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.